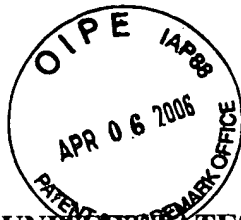


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**SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW**

Applicants submit this Summary setting forth a statement of the substance of a telephonic interview that occurred on February 23, 2006.

**Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted:**

None.

**Identification of the Claims Discussed:**

Claims 1-3, 6-14, 17, 18 and 20-24.

**Identification of Specific References Discussed:**

U.S. Patent No. 6,667,160 to Fine ("Fine").

**Identification of the Principle Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed:**

A proposed amendment was introduced to each independent claim to include diagnosing ulcerative colitis if the sample contains anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies.

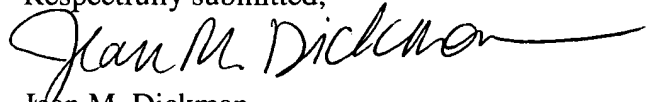
**The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of Applicant and the Examiner:**

That Fine does not anticipate Applicants' claimed invention because the antitissue transglutaminase antibodies, as taught by Fine, are not anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies as recited in the independent claims.

**General Indication Of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:**

Applicants will submit response to previous Office Action.

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